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Dorothy Dix Letter Box

What Has the Old Maid to Live For? — Shall a Boy of Nineteen Sacrifice His Career to His Parents? — How to Decide Whom to Marry

Dear Miss Dix—What is there for a woman to live for if she has no husband and children and grandchildren? What can I do to keep happy and contented when I get old? MARIA.



But do you ever think, Maria, how seldom that Answer: Undoubtedly, Maria, the greatest happiness that comes to a woman is to be married to the man she loves and who loves her, and to have fine and worthy children and grandchildren about her to bless her old age

happens? To wish for that is almost like wishing that a fairy tale would come true, or wishing that you might be a glamorous motion-picture actress with a million-dollar salary, or that you might be as beautiful as Dolores Costello, or as famous a tennis player as Helen Wills, or that you might have any other of the preferred roles in life.

I suppose it is a proof of the old truth that hope springs eternal in the human heart, but it never seems to occur to any middle-aged unmarried woman, who sees with horror a solitary old age closing in on her, that by any chance she could possibly have made an unfortunate marriage, or even one of the indifferent marriages that are nothing but a sort of endurance contest.

No, these unwed women are perfectly sure that they never would have made the kind of marriage that their mothers and their sisters and their cousins and their aunts did. They are sure that they would have got the ideal husband and would have lived forever after in a trance of bliss. Absolutely.

When they look around they do not see much to make whoopee over in the lots of their married friends. There is Mary, whose husband is a drunkard. There is Sally, whose husband is too tired to work, so that poor Sally has to go out and support him and the children. There is Angela, who has a baby every other year, and who is dragged down and washed out and looks twenty years older than her age, and who has never done a thing but walk the colic and listen to howling brats since her first baby came.

There is Maud, whose husband is a chronic grouch. And Isabel, whose husband thinks a woman should never go outside her door, and all that she is good for is to cook and have children. And Hannah, whose husband is a tightwad, and who works ten times as hard as she did in the office and who never has a nickel of her own to spend as she pleases.

In comparison with the lot of a vast number of married women, that of the unmarried woman with a good job and her own latchkey and her own pocketbook and no husband to boss her and snarl at her and find fault with her is far preferable. She has less work to do, more money to spend on herself and far greater peace of mind, because she does not have to watch for the drag of a drunken footstep, nor endure the insults and abuse of a man who considers that it is the privilege of a husband to be as rude and brutal to his wife as he likes.

Nor are children the unmixed blessing that old maids seem to think they are. There are, of course, children who are a crown of honor to their parents and who are loving and dutiful to them and cherish their old age. But there are, also, unfortunately, children who drag their parents' gray hair in shame to the grave, prodigal sons and daughters—who tear their parents' hearts to tatters and impudent and ungrateful children who take everything and give nothing in the way of filial duty. If you will observe the way your friends' children treat them and listen to how they talk to mamma and papa, you can't help but feel that you have missed much joy in not having any sons and daughters.

So, Maria, why not try to look at the situation with a clear unjaundiced eye and see that if you missed getting the greatest happiness in the world, you have also missed a lot of potential misery. And that, really, there was no more certainty of your having drawn a capital prize in matrimony than there would be that you would draw the capital prize in a lottery if you took a ticket.

And to what a woman has to live for who doesn't marry and hasn't any husband and children and grandchildren, why, there are a million things she can do to make life interesting and worth while. She can have a good job and the unending delight there is in following a congenial occupation. She can have her own home. She can travel. She can have a congenial circle of friends. And if the mother hunger is too great, she can adopt some poor little homeless babe and expend on it her love and care and receive in return a child's devotion. DOROTHY DIX.

Dear Dorothy Dix—I am a boy 19 years old, the youngest son in a family of six children, all of them married and living in homes of their own. I live with my parents on a small farm. They are too old to work and I manage the farm. But I don't want to be a farmer. I want to go to college, but my parents demand that I stay with them. They will not consent to my leaving the farm and my mother tells me that I can never marry because two families shall never live together under her roof. I hate the farm and know that I will never make a success of it. What shall I do? Must I stay at home with my parents or would you advise me to go to college? JIMMY.

Answer: I urge you by all means not to sacrifice your life to your parents' whim, but to strike out for yourself. If they want to live on the farm, let them stay there. Old people are not half so helpless as young ones think they are, and nearly always they are far happier if they are left to themselves to do their own way than they are if their children upset their plan of living by taking them into their own homes.

But if either your parents or yourself have to sacrifice the thing they want to do, it is they who should make the sacrifice instead of you. They have had their lives. Their race is nearly run, but you are just starting on yours and you have a long career before you. And what you decide now will determine whether you are to be happy or miserable, a success or a failure.

If you go away to college, or if you get into some occupation you like, the chances are that you will be successful, but if you stick to a little farm, dis-

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WM. LANDRIGAN SOURIS, P. E. I.

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liking farming and having no talent for it, you are a predestined failure, grubbing to your dying day for a mere pittance.

Among my friends was a young boy who was confronted with exactly the same problem that you have. Only he had gone out into the world and had got a fine start with a big firm for which he worked. He was a born mechanic with genius in his fingertips, and his employer had just given him a big promotion and sent him to be in charge of the machinery in a huge plant he was installing.

But on the way to his new place of business this young chap stopped to visit his parents on the little farm on which they lived. The father told a pitiful tale of how he had got behind and had mortgaged the place and they begged the boy to stay and take charge of it and told him it was his duty to cherish them and look after them in their old age, and so on. Finally the mother wept the boy into submission and he gave up his good job and stayed with them.

He knew nothing about farming. He loathed it, and, although he worked like a slave, he never made expenses and they got deeper and deeper into debt until finally the Sheriff sold them out. But by that time the boy was a middle-aged man broken in spirit, disgruntled, his opportunity gone, his life ruined by his foolish sacrifice of himself to his selfish parents.

And all the sacrifice was to no avail, for if he had kept on with the work for which he was destined, he would be able now to buy his parents half a dozen farms and keep them in luxury, instead of their all being forced to live on the mere pittance that he is able to earn.

Nearly all sacrifices are futile. Don't give up your life for your parents. You will best help them by fitting yourself to make more money. DOROTHY DIX.

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By Annebelle Worthington



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1/2 cup sifted cake flour 1 teaspoon baking powder 1/4 teaspoon salt 1 tablespoon butter or other shortening 1/2 cup sugar 1 egg, unbeaten 1/2 cup shredded cocoanut 1/2 cup milk 1/2 teaspoon vanilla 1/2 cup tart jelly 1 cup shredded cocoanut Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder and salt, and sift together three times. Cream butter thoroughly, add sugar gradually, and cream together until light and fluffy. Add egg, and beat until light; then add 1/2 cup cocoanut. Add flour, alternately with milk, a small amount at a time. Beat after each addition until smooth. Add vanilla. Bake in greased muffin pans in moderate oven (350 degrees F.) 20 to 25 minutes. Beat jelly with fork until of right consistency to spread. When cakes are cool, spread top and sides with jelly and roll in cocoanut. Makes 8 small cakes.

A Morning Smile

POLITENESS

"Is that the fire station? May I speak to the Captain? Oh, really? Good evening, or rather morning. Reginald Rinfrew of Balmoral Mansions, Nasturtium Road, speaking. Sorry to trouble you at this unholy hour, but the fact is we've a rotten fire here and we'd like you to put it out if you aren't too terribly busy."

Czechoslovakia shipped more than \$6,000,000 worth of gloves to other parts of the world in the last 12 months.

Dear Miss Dix—It seems that according to astrology a person born between certain dates should have as his friends persons born between certain other dates. That one born, say, the latter part of May or the first part of June, should marry one born between the 1st of January and the 19th of February. What do you think about it? Should one go by birth dates? Is there anything to it? X.

Answer: Astrology is almost the oldest of all sciences and many people in all ages have believed in it, but it has never appealed to me. If I were going to marry, I would look at a man's morals and his disposition and whether he was a go-getter or not, and I wouldn't bother about his birthday. DOROTHY DIX.

APPRECIATION

Unsworth Gurney wishes to thank the city firemen, neighbors and friends for their untiring efforts in fighting the fire which destroyed his barn last Monday night. By their strenuous efforts the adjoining buildings, young cattle and horse were saved. 5103-11

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